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BETWEEN YOU AND ME

by Stanley Orris

It is sometimes difficult to find material to put in this column. For weeks at a time everybody seems to behave themselves and nothing happens that we can complain about or give orchids to.

At times like this we just sit with our feet on the desk, looking out of the window, and hoping for something to happen—a fire or murder for instance—but no such luck.

And as we sit there pondering how blue the Alberta skies are and how serious life is these days, a shade passes by the window and its passing changes our line of thought.

Here is something we can write about—it's only a little thing—but one of the little things that make up our way of life; one of the little things we want to retain in our way of life—a son's devotion to an aged mother.

At least three times every day this shade passes by our window and each time it carries a covered plate and a pot of tea. It's not much of a shade; indeed it is big and burly and rather ready and rough and if you as much as suggested there was any tenderness in it it would say—"What are you trying to give us."

But down the street lives a little old lady who is getting rather feeble and is not able to "do for herself" as she has done for so many years. We are sure, that to her, these faithful daily visits mean much in tenderness and filial devotion.

Yes, it is just one of those little things that happen in a little country town. But it is one of the things, which to retain, we are fighting this war, oversubscribing our Victory Loans, going without things cheerfully; that we may retain them.

And that is why this week we are offering orchids to "that man on main street."

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Shortly after coming from Winnipeg we heard someone refer to a Winnipeg Couch. We were rather mystified at first but after slight investigation found out that they were referring to that steel and wire contraption with a mattress on it, that Willie usually gets to sleep on when an overnight visitor unexpectedly drops in. In Winnipeg these things are known as Toronto couches. We presume that in Toronto they are known as Montreal couches, and that in Vancouver they are known as Calgary couches. We don't blame any city for not wanting to take the credit for them.

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Another thing that struck us as strange when we came to Alberta is the fact that when we were in Winnipeg we were considered as an out and out Westerner. But now that we are in Alberta we find out that all the time we were an Easterner.

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See you next week.

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Seed orders should be received at the office of the Field Crops Commissioner, Edmonton as soon as possible in order to avoid delay in spring shipments.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Miss May Fisher, of the Women's Division of the R.C.A.F., was home on leave for a few days last week.

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L/Bdr. Kenneth McMahon who was home on leave for a few days has returned to his station at Brandon, Man.

LADIES' AID

Annual Bake Sale and Tea
Saturday, April 4th
Coffee Shop

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Please bring donations for Bake Sale to the Coffee Shop

RED CROSS NOTES

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During the past few weeks the Red Cross Champion branch have finished the following articles. They were shipped in five cartons from the Red Cross rooms on March 19, containing: 7 steel helmet caps, 6 pr. gloves, 15 pr. mitts, 16 pr. socks, 4 pr. seaman's stockings, 6 pr. pyjamas, hospital, 54 triangular sling bandages, 9 quilts, 1 baby quilt, 210 diapers, 6 mother's nightgowns, 15 pr. 8-year pyjamas, 23 boys' shirts, 2 pr. boys' hose.

Of the above four quilts and one crib quilt were donated by the Amity Club.

Our cutters now have babies' night gowns ready as well as hot water bottle covers and boys' shirts.

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CHAMPION RINK WINS IN LITTLE BOW BONSPIEL

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Two rinks from Champion took part in the Little Bow Bonspiel held at Vulcan on Thursday of last week. Alva Baker skipped the No. 1 rink, which was composed of Joe Mark, lead; Irl Ditto, second; Walt Harris, third. They were successful in copping off the Burns Trophy. The prize for this competition was a Dutch Oven in chrome and aluminum. Just what a dutch oven is none of the rink seemed sure, at time of going to press, though undoubtedly they will be enlightened once the ladies get experimenting. The other rink from Champion, skipped by Alex Latiff, with Art Woodhull third, Jack Taylor second and Ernie Nowlin lead, got into the fours of the Burns competition. Had they won another game they would have played off with Alva Baker's rink in the finals. We don't know just what happened yet, not having seen any of the boys around this morning, but no doubt they will have some good alibis. We expect all the games to be played over again three or four times in the Chronicle office in the next few days.

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MRS. MARY FIELDS LAID TO REST

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Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Fields, who passed away Saturday in the Vulcan hospital, were held Tuesday at Park Memorial chapel, Calgary. Rev. J. E. Harris officiated.

Mrs. Fields suffered a double fracture of the hip when she fell two weeks ago at the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. J. Clapp of Champion. The deceased had been a resident of the Champion district for the past 20 years and leaves many friends. She was born at Horning Hills, Ont., 81 years ago. Surviving her are two daughters, Mrs. F. J. Clapp of Champion, and Mrs. Einar Neilson of Nelson, B.C., a son John James Fields predeceased her December 31, 1941. Her husband, Wm. Field., died Jan. 17, 1922.

Three brothers and one sister, all of Horning Hills, Ont., also survive, as do eight grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Pall bearers at the funeral were J. R. Dunlop, A. Baker, C. H. Crowe and H. Davies.

Town and District

Mrs. Arthur Williams was a guest at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Pharis for a few days last week.

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Mr. Lindstedt and his fiance, Miss Mildred Elves, were Lethbridge visitors Saturday.

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Mrs. J. S. Collins of Alix is a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Orr.

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Mrs. E. Griffin is a visitor in Calgary.

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Mr. and Mrs. Little of Stavely were guests at the home of their daughter, Mrs. B. Hummel, last week.

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Mrs. Buchan (nee Dorothy Coe) is to take up residence in Champion, her husband being in the armed forces.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Warren entertained at a bridge party, Tuesday evening, March 17.

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Pte. Roy Taylor spent a week-end leave at his home in Champion.

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Pte. Robt. Royle spent a week-end leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Doyle.

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Eva Latiff, Rita Cemulini and Yvonne Griffin spent the week-end at their home in Champion.

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Mrs. A. Jopling and Miss Ruth Jopling were week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Jopling.

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The I. O. D. E. wishes to announce that they are endeavouring to collect and ship another carton of fur for use in making jackets for the men who work on the mine sweepers. Will all those of the district who have any old fur pieces or fur coats which are not in use help the I.O.D.E. by sending them in to the Chronicle office.

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Mrs. D. D. Farmer is a patient in St. Michael's hospital, Lethbridge.

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THE NAVY'S HERE

Vice-Admiral P. W. Nelles, R.C.N., Chief of the Naval Staff, whose brief address introduced a series of special feature broadcasts over the National Network of the CBC recently. The programmes, under the title "The Navy's Here," have been written at Naval Service Headquarters, Information Section, to tell the story of Canada's fast expanding naval service and its valuable contribution to democracy's part in total war. The next broadcast, "Sailor's Heritage," will be heard on Sunday, March 29th, at 7.30 p.m. CDT (6.30 p.m. MDT.)

Mrs. Pat Larkins was a week-end visitor to Ensign at the home of her daughter.

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A sport article recently published in a Port Arthur paper spoke highly of the outstanding ability displayed by Larry Hogg, in a basketball game between the Airforce and the Army. Following is a portion of the write-up: "The Airforce basketball quintet visited the 102nd C. A. S. C. last night to compete in a challenge match with the Army. It ended with the Airmen chalking up a clean-cut victory by 37-23 points. A mighty fine performance was turned in for the Fliers by Hogg, who accounted for 14 of their 37 points."

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CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our gratitude and thanks to our many friends and neighbors who so kindly gave their assistance and to those who sent flowers and cards of sympathy in our sad bereavement.

Also thanks to Dr. Freeze and the nursing staff of the Vulcan hospital and also to Mr. Wayne Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Clapp.

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Three members of the Champion Women's Institute attended the Women's Institute Convention in Lethbridge on Thursday and Friday. They were: Mrs. M. G. Clever, the official delegate; Mrs. Guy Voisey and Mrs. D. Watkins.

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Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Clever entertained Wednesday evening at their home in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Clever of VanNuys, Calif., who have been their house guests for the past few days. On Thursday Mr. and Mrs. Clever left Champion to return to their home in California.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jim McNaughton and Joe McNaughton, of Rolling Hills, were week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. McNaughton of Champion.

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The United Grain Growers put on a very fine picture show at Alston Hall on Wednesday evening, March 18, when pictures of the war, supplied by the Federal Government, educational features by the University of Alberta, and some comedies, were shown to a very enthusiastic audience of over 90 people. Wm. Hemple who accompanied the pictures, gave a very brief talk. Mr. P. G. Catenby, local representative of the United Grain Growers, sponsored the evening.

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Mr. M. G. Clever, Miss Loretta Clever and Mr. Dave Watkins were Lethbridge visitors Friday.

CANDID COMMENT

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One of the most satisfying results of the plebiscite will be to know, definitely, once and for all just where Quebec stands. Is she part of Canada? Or is she just Quebec? There have been millions of words written over the years both for and against Quebec. There have been misunderstandings and doubts on both sides. But never before has there been the opportunity to get the thing down in black and white. The plebiscite will do this. If Quebec votes "yes," to stand side by side with the rest of Canada in this vital matter, then we shall know that she is one with the rest of us. If she votes "no" then we can no longer make the pretense that she is a part of the Canadian Commonwealth. The plebiscite will give us the answer. Her vote will determine our future actions toward her.

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The Gallup Poll states that Quebec is fast swinging over to a "no" vote on the plebiscite. We sincerely hope the poll is wrong on this point, and still retain our belief that when the results are obtained that not only the Gallup poll but a great many others will be found to have been out on a limb.

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The past week should knock the last remnants of doubt out of the minds of anyone who still believed this war would not affect them very much. With the new restrictions on clothing, the further curtailment of the use of rubber, etc., and the mobilization of man-power just announced, we are just getting an inkling of what is yet to come. This Canada of ours will be a vastly different country this time next year.

The Champion Board of Trade will hold a meeting Monday evening in the Community Hall, at 8 p.m. All townsmen and all farmers are urgently requested to attend this important meeting

J. CHAPRONIERE GRADUATES AT TOP OF CLASS

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News has just been received that Jack Chapronière, who has been taking training preparatory to service with the R.C.A.F., graduated a week ago Thursday in Calgary. Jack had the distinction of graduating at the head of his class. Jack was also successful in passing his 1st Class First Aid Certificate examinations and tests. Jack is now in service with the R.C.A.F. At time of going to press we have not been informed of where he is stationed.

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At the request of the Honourable Humphrey Mitchell, Minister of Labour, and by authority of Order-in-Council under the War Measures Act, the Unemployment Insurance Commission is registering all persons in industries coming within the scope of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1940.

It is mandatory that the Registration Cards now being supplied to employers be completed for ALL employees, insured and non-insured, and forwarded to the Local Office of the Commission by March 31st.

This Is An Important War Undertaking

The skills and training of every worker in Canada must be known in order that they may be used to the best advantage. This is the first step towards complete registration of man-power.

Renew Unemployment Insurance Books Before April 1

To avoid duplication of effort, the above registration is being combined with the renewal of Unemployment Insurance Books.

A supply of new books will be mailed promptly on receipt at your local Employment and Claims Office, of completed registration forms and the old books stamped for the last pay period in March.

For details consult the Commission's Local Office without delay.

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Unemployment Insurance Commission

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CONSERVE VEGETABLE SEED

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Everyone who intends to plant a garden this spring should exercise the utmost care in the planting of the seed in order to avoid wastage.

Under normal conditions many garden seeds are sown from five to ten times more thickly than is required and when this is done, thinning must be practised in order to allow the remaining plants to develop normally. Although a few vegetables, like beets, may be used in immature stages of growth, most of the plants thinned out are thrown away and are entirely wasted.

Planting less seed will reduce the need for thinning. In the case of large seeds a little care in planting will place them at proper distances in the rows. Small seeds should be mixed with some inert material, such as sand, corn meal, ground wheat, or other similar materials may be used, to reduce the quantity of seed sown per row.

A shortage of vegetable seed, and everyone's duty to reduce wastage under war-time conditions, makes it desirable to exercise proper care this spring.

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SEND SEED FOR GERMINATION TO CALGARY

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Many farmers are losing valuable time in getting their seed germinated because they are forwarding samples to the Field Crops Branch, Edmonton, instead of to the Plant Products Division, Department of Agriculture, Calgary.

Seed, on which a germination test is desired, should be sent to the Plant Products Division, Department of Agriculture, Calgary.

There is a fee of 75c per sample for this service and the quantity of grain required is at least one pound of wheat, oats or barley.

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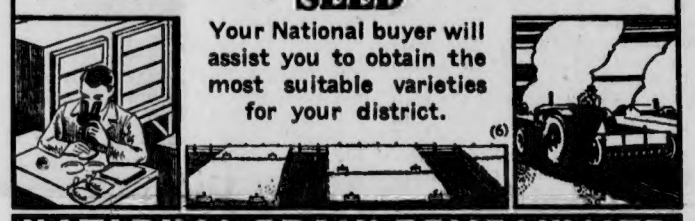

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Lieut.-Gen. McNaughton Inspects C.P.R. Tanks

THE stepped-up tempo of tank production at Angus Shops, Montreal, was evident everywhere when Lieut.-Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton made a detailed inspection of the big Canadian Pacific plant, whose machinery is turning out increasing numbers of medium weight "Valentines" for the armed forces.

Accompanied by ranking officials of the Canadian Army and senior officers of the Canadian Pacific Railway, Canada's No. 1 soldier received a first hand picture of tank construction from the smallest parts to the finished product. He displayed keen interest in the construction of the speedy war machines, a type that has been highly praised by the Russians on the field of battle.

Highlight of General McNaughton's visit followed the shops inspection when six of the khaki-painted "Valentine" tanks, fresh from the Angus shops assembly line, raced out on the shops Midway, where they wheeled, plunged, and went through various other tactics to show their manoeuverability.

Above scene shows a group of Angus-built tanks awaiting shipment for "active service". Inset: Gen. McNaughton comments on some detail of tank construction. Others in the group include (left to right) H. B. Bowen, chief of motive power and rolling stock; Brig.-Gen. E. de B. Panet, Officer Commanding, M.D. 4; J. H. Berry, director general of automobile and tank production; Lt.-Gen. Kenneth Stuart, chief of the Canadian General Staff; D. C. Coleman, vice-president, Canadian Pacific Railway.

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Letters from the Boys in Uniform

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Cpl. Patterson, S.D.
R60080 R. C. A. F.
No. 14 S. F. T. S.
Aylmer, Ont.
19/3/42.

Mr. Stanley Orris,
Champion Chronicle.

Dear Stan.—Although I have never met you directly, I feel that I more or less know you by the regular contact of your words in the Chronicle. I have received it steadily for some time now and consider it more as a letter than as a newspaper. Indeed I am as well caught up on the town gossip as I was the day I left that district which, though it scarcely seems like it, is over two years ago.

Since that time, strangely enough, I have been stationed four different times all within a radius of 50 miles of where I am. So most of my travelling has been in the nature of visiting the surrounding sights of this province, not to exclude New York City, where I spent six marvellous days this past Christmas. I am especially interested in such letters as that one from Eric Diemert and any of the lads who are actually over there. I had a letter from Gordon Urquhart, but I lost his address in one of my moves, so you can ask Blanche to send it to me if you like.

So long, and thanks for the Chronicle. I am sure if they seize your press for war use, the Champion boys' morale would drop 100% (you can quote me as saying).

Sincerely,

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M3317 Bdr. A. Dunipace,
23rd A/T Bty. R.C.A.
2nd Can. A/T Reg.
Can. Army Overseas
Feb. 22nd

Dear Sir.—It has taken me some time to write and thank you for airgraph message received around Xmas time, also your paper which I receive one or two of in every mail; sometimes there is one missing but I get most of them.

We are still in England but what a difference to last year when air sirens were going all the time; now we selhom ever hear one.

The weather is cold and frosty over here now, but it can't compare with our climate back home.

I will close now, saying thank you for all your kindness and wishing you all the best.

Sincerely yours,
A. Dunipace.

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I.O.D.E. Notes

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The regular meeting of the I.O.D.E. was held Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. W. A. McIntyre, when twelve members were present.

Mrs. E. H. Freeze thanked those present for the beautiful bouquet of spring flowers presented to her by the order in recognition of her work as Regent for the past two years. She also thanked the officers and members who worked with her during her term of office.

A letter from O. P. Thomas was read in which thanks were received for his Christmas box. Mr. Thomas gave an interesting account of the type of work at which he is engaged, stating that when at the end of the war the present inventions are put into operation, they will make Buck Rogers look like a sissy.

Radio programs liked and disliked were discussed and all present unanimously agreed that good plays, such as presented by Lux, musical programs such as the American Album of Familiar Music, and the musical varieties were the best. Those disliked were mystery plays, soap serials and Grand Opera.

It was decided not to send a delegate to the Provincial Annual Convention which is being held in Edmonton this year.

The entire hall will be used at further Hostess nights at a rent of $8 per meeting.

Two new members were taken into the order, namely Mrs. M. Cemulini and Mrs. Fred Watts.

Mrs. W. Harris presented the order with a complete baby's outfit, consisting of a sweater, bootees and bonnet, to be disposed of as the order saw fit in aid of war work. The outfit was greatly admired by all present, and a vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. Harris.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. R. S. Bond.

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Dr. J. E. Machacek, Dominion Rust Research Laboratory, Winnipeg, has been conducting extensive investigations on the effect of seed treatment on the percentage germination of flax. At his request we gave him parts of all flax samples sent to the North-West Line Elevators Association's laboratory for germination up to the middle of February; in all, 56 samples. These samples, besides being germinated in the regular way in our laboratory, were planted in soil at the Dominion Rust Research Laboratory. Duplicate tests of seed treated with a mercurial dust and duplicate tests of untreated seed were made. The results are interesting and very important.

Our own tests resulted in an average germination of 66.8%. Dr. Machacek's "treated" tests averaged 78.9%, and the "untreated" only 53.7%. Our tests gave higher germination percentages than Dr. Machacek's untreated ones because the latter were in soil and ours were, as usual, in blotters placed in germination chambers.

In the soil tests, seed treatment increased the average germination from 53.7% to 78.9%—a striking result. Treatment with an organic mercury dust *at the rate of 1½ ounces per bushel* was recommended for all except three samples; and even in these, treatment increased germination somewhat.

It must not, of course, be concluded that seed treatment will improve the germinability of all flax seed. Every sample sent in to the Line Elevators' laboratory this winter will be checked by Dr. Machacek and the results sent to the farmer.

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Bulletins from the Wartime Prices and Trade Board

v—V—v

A warning to all merchants and business men that they cannot legally transact business after March 31st, unless they have a license from the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, is given by Walter S. Campbell, Regional Representative for the Board in Alberta.

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Primary producers, employees of licensed firms and professional men do not need licenses. Application forms can be obtained from any post-office or office of the Board.

Retail merchants must package sugar in quantities to meet the ration allowances of their customers, not merely in 2 lb., 5 lb and 10 lb. bags, says Walter S. Campbell, Alberta representative of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board. Where this is not done, they must break the larger packages to meet the allowances of three-quarters of a pound per week per member of the family.

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A price ceiling on potatoes has been declared by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board. Prices, whether at wholesale or retail, must not exceed the top price charged by each dealer during the week of February 7, 1942.

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Originally, all vegetables were exempt from price ceilings. In January, to stop speculative buying, a ceiling was placed on onions. The ceiling ordered on potatoes is due to recent price advances.

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Copies of the housewives' manual "My Price Ceiling", in either English or French may be obtained on application to the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, Williamson Building, Edmonton, states Mrs. Marion Conroy, Chairman of the Women's Advisory Committee to the Regional Representative. At the meeting of the committee last week, Mrs. Winnifred Ross of Millet, who represents the United Farm Women of Alberta on the Board was present after a visit to eastern Canada. Educational work among the women's organizations of the province will be carried on in support of the price ceiling policy.

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